



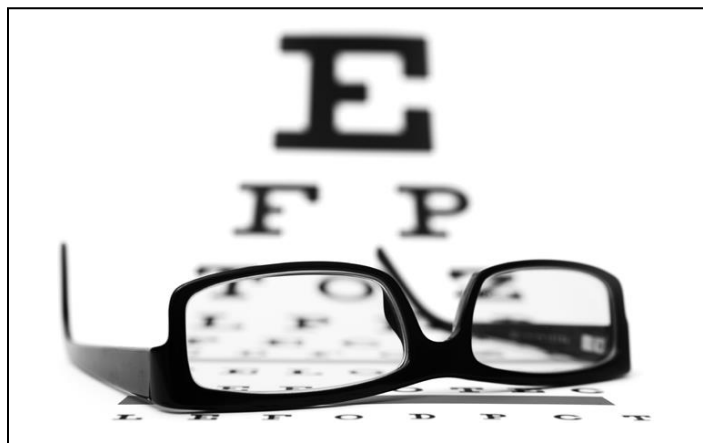
# NEWSLETTER

## OFFICERS

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## SPRING Meeting May 21, 2023 CEC Little Rock



The Spring meeting will be held on May 21, 2023 at the Embassy Suites in Little Rock, Arkansas. We will offer 5 hours of Arkansas State Board credits and 4 hours will be ABO.

The Annual business meeting will be held at 1 pm on Sunday May 21, 2023. If you would like to run for an office or a board seat, please contact, Shannon Pearson, our nomination chairman.

The Group rate is \$149 a night at the Embassy Suites. To receive the group rate of \$149/night:

**Make hotel reservations by May 6: Call 501-312-9000**  
**Request the below block/group code:**  
**AK State Board of Optician**

Please make your reservations as soon as possible so we will have enough rooms to fill our block.

You will find the registration for the meetings in this newsletter

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Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

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## Educational Reminder . . . Remember!!!!

You must have five hours of State Board approved EDUCATIONAL HOURS between July 1, 2022 and July 1, 2023 to renew your certificate July 1, 2023

The state board has stated there will be **no extension granted in 2023.**

**This is your  
association please  
help . . .**

**Send all information for  
newsletter and classes  
at the meetings to the  
association office.  
We need your input**



**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR VERY OWN  
ROAMING OPTICIAN!**

**Christina Seaton, ABOC, NCLE  
has opened her own  
business venture!**

**WE WISH HER THE BEST!**

## President's Letter

*Hello fellow Opticians!!*

*It's a new year again and continuing education is needed for your renewal. We should all strive to be the best Optician's in our field. I fell into this profession 31 years ago and I'm still learning something new all the time. We can all learn from each other and it can be from a veteran or new optician.*

*We all have our own way of doing things but sometimes you can learn an even better way of doing our job by opening our minds to new ideas (yes this is hard for me sometimes.) By supporting and standing together we can make being a Licensed Optician a force to be reckoned with. Please make sure to fill out and submit your paperwork for continuing education as soon as possible and get it sent in so you know you have a seat reserved for the upcoming classes.*

**NEVER STOP LEARNING**

*Sincerely*

*Christina Seaton, OAA President*

## State Board Corner

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE STATE BOARD EXAMINATION IS GIVEN DAILY.**

Once you have completed all your requirements (which includes passing the ABO Exam), you can apply to take the Arkansas State Board of Dispensing Opticians Licensed Exam. Once the application is approved you can schedule to take the exam at a testing service. Most testing services are open Mon-Sat 8 am – 7 pm

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY IF YOU DO NOT SENT A COPY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT WITH YOUR APPRENTICE OR LICENSE APPLICATION, OR YOU DO NOT COMPLETE THE APPLICATION CORRECTLY, IT WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU FIRST CLASS MAIL. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!**

Exciting News! The board is in the process of changing all forms, as of May 1, 2023 only the new forms will be accepted

The board is now a part of the department of health and lots of changes have happened, so make sure you have the correct information about apprentice applications, license applications, office permit applications, renewals, and testing process.

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WWW.AROPTICIANS.ORG**



**OPTICIANS ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS**

# Spring Meeting

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

**7:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Embassy Suites**

**11301 Financial Centre Parkway Little Rock, AR 72211  
501-312-9000**

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## REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DISPENSARY \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE 5/13/23	TO PAY AT THE DOOR***	AMOUNT ENCLOSED
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**Either Form must be received in the Association office before 5/13/23 If payment is not received the amount due will be \$210.00**

**REGISTRATION – Sunday, May 21, 2023**

MEMBERS*	\$100.00	\$130.00	_____
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NON-MEMBER	\$180.00	\$210.00	_____
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TOTAL ENCLOSED	_____
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IF PAYING FOR MORE THAN ONE PERSON, PLEASE FILL OUT A FORM FOR EACH PERSON. YOU MAY COPY THIS FORM. COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO: **Opticians Association of Arkansas, PO Box 1, Lexa, AR 72355** or FAX TO **870-572-2847** \*\*\* TO PAY AT THE DOOR YOU MUST FAX YOUR REGISTRATION TO 870-572-2847 BEFORE 5/13/23



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## AGENDA

### Sunday, May 21, 2023

7:30 am - 8:00 am	Seating and Questions	
8:00 am –9:00 am	Welcoming Patients to Presbyopia **	Presented by Pete Hanlin, ABOM
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Psychological safety <i>in the workplace</i> **	Presented by Pete Hanlin, ABOM
10:00 am – 11:00 pm	Compensated powers (and other ophthalmic conundrums)**	Presented by Pete Hanlin, ABOM
11:00 pm – 12:00 pm	Contrast sensitivity and Visual Perception**	Presented by Pete Hanlin, ABOM
12:00pm – 1:00 pm	Jurisprudence*	
1:00 pm	Business Meeting	

### Thanks to Essilor for Sponsoring our Speaker Pete Hanlin

Pete Hanlin began his ophthalmic career in 1989 as a lab technician. Over the next 13 years, he managed optometric practices in Pennsylvania and Florida before joining Essilor of America in 2002- where he is currently Vice President of Professional Services. Designated a Master Optician by the American Board of Opticianry, Pete serves as an industry representative on the ANSI Z80 committee. A graduate of Lee University, he lives in Hickory Creek, Texas with his wife and grandson.

### CEC Courses Approval Master Key:

\*Arkansas State Board Approved

\*\* Arkansas State Board and ABO Approved.

*Please make sure you get the proper educational certificates stamped before you leave the class*

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